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Photo by Staff Sgt. Chris Jordan

Mike Spaits, Eglin Environmental Public Affairs, points to the Camp Pinchot site preferred by the privatization team as a new location for Hurlburt Field families. Camp Pinchot is located along the Chotawhatchee Bay.

Families set to benefit from privatization

By Staff Sgt. Chris Jordan
Public Affairs

In an effort to increase quality of life for military members and their families, the Air Force has initiated military family housing privatization at almost every Air Force installation, to include Hurlburt Field.

By aggressively combining military construction and privatization, the Air Force hopes to achieve accelerated housing improvements, alleviation of housing shortages and reduced waiting times for adequate housing, said Thom Wahl, Air Force Special Operations Command privatization project manager.

Right now, approximately 75 percent of Eglin Air Force Base and Hurlburt Field housing are below modern standards, Mr. Wahl said. With privatization, families will get an adequate home, constructed to

modern standards that are affordable and convenient.

Privatization also saves the Air Force valuable dollars and time. By using only military funds and resources, it would take almost 25 years and cost the Air Force approximately \$7 billion to upgrade all military housing. By privatizing, the housing could be completed within 10 years – at a fraction of the cost to the Air Force, Mr. Wahl said.

The 74 units of Hurlburt Field housing south of U.S. Highway 98 will be rebuilt, while the 306 units north of U.S. Highway 98 will move to an alternate site to give way to future development and mission expansion. The 300 units east of Hurlburt Field won't be included in the project.

After screening various locations, the preferred

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Summer hire program proves valuable asset to Hurlburt Field

By Staff Sgt. Chris Jordan
Public Affairs

For approximately 30 days starting in February, the Hurlburt Field Civilian Personnel Office accepted applications through the Air Force Personnel Center Web site from almost 200 local high school and college students for participation in the 16th Special Operation Wing's summer hire program.

Of those applicants, only 30 were selected to take on many different responsibilities.

Jobs offered are mostly clerical-type positions, but there are a couple laborer and lifeguard positions offered.

The program runs from the end of May until mid-August or September, depending on when the students go back to school, said Tarlese Allen-Rountree, chief of Hurlburt Field CPO.

Hurlburt Field has participated in the Air Force wide program for many years and runs based on funds made available mostly by the wing, according to Ms. Allen-Rountree.

"The wing has always been a positive champion for the summer hire program because of the positive employment benefits to students and the community," she said.

The CPO offers students positions on a "first-come, first-served" basis, while also following a priority list. Economically disadvantaged students take highest priority followed by

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Town hall meeting

A town hall meeting is scheduled for Aug. 2 at 6 p.m. and Aug. 3 at 10 p.m. at the base theater. The 16th SOW Commander, Col. and Mrs. O.G. Mannon will provide an open forum to discuss various military issues facing Hurlburt Field Airmen and their families. For more information, call Barbara Weber at 884-6798.

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Saturday – partly cloudy

High 89 Low 74

Sunday – partly cloudy

High 88 Low 74

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The Commander's Open Line is your direct line to me for questions or suggestions about subjects of concern to the Hurlburt Field community.

I really appreciate your feedback.

To receive a response, leave your name, unit and telephone number. Open lines of general interest will be printed in the

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However, if you're not satisfied with the answer you receive, feel free to give me a call at 884-OPEN (6736), or e-mail your concerns to commando@hurlburt.af.mil.



Col. O.G. Mannon

Traffic light installation

Comment: I'd like to see a turn lane put in at the intersection of Loop and Independence Road by the base exchange, commissary and clinic. With all the congestion, I feel that it would be a great benefit, not only for the motorists, but also as a safety feature.

Response: Thanks for the call. We have many planned improvements to Independence Road and the area.

We recently removed the yellow paint on Independence Road to create an extended left turn lane for west bound traffic at the eastern most Loop Road intersection.

In the short term, this should help with traffic congestion at this signalized intersection, by adding much needed capacity to the left turn lane.

We're also in the process of installing a traffic signal and left turn lanes on Independence Road at Lielmanis Avenue (between the 19th Special Operations Squadron and the Eglin Federal Credit Union).

Our long-range plan is to continue the four-laning of Independence Road from the Loop Road intersection by the clinic to beyond the Eglin Federal Credit Union.

This will include adding additional right turn lanes to further improve traffic flow.

The improvements we need are steadily being made and will result in a very modern, properly designed road that will handle the traffic very well.

Running on base roads

Comment: In 1991, the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron moved the jogging track from Terry Road to Red Horse Road due to an increase in operations and construction. The move was made because it's more isolated and wouldn't avert traffic. I noticed the jogging situation is getting worse. There's a jogging track, but people don't use it. This morning, it was raining and now people are running on Tully Avenue.

Response: Thanks for the input. The Hurlburt Field jogging track has been located behind the Aderholt Fitness Center since 1981, and we can find no record of a jogging track ever being located on Terry Avenue. Most recently, the 16th Services Squadron established several running courses throughout the base, of various distances, to encourage exercise. Joggers should be running against the flow of traffic on the extreme edge of the road or shoulder if no jogging trail is available.

That said, the increased number of joggers on our roads due to the new Air Force physical fitness program requires extra caution on the part of the runners and drivers who share the roads.

Bright colors should be worn while jogging during the day, and reflective clothing should be worn at night. Vehicle operators should slow to a reasonable speed to safely pass joggers, as if they were passing bicyclists or pedestrians; they should yield the right-of-way when they encounter a unit jogging in formation.

Strong, visible leadership can boost morale

By Master Sgt. Norman Williams
16th SOW MEO Office

How does the visibility of the commander and first sergeant impact morale?

The following is a quote from the recent 16th Special Operations Wing Climate Assessment Survey that answers this question.

"One thing our first shirt and commander haven't done is get around to see the people who work for them. The only time you see them is for commander's call or if you're summoned to their office for any unknown reason. It would be nice if they made it around to see their people. If they made it around, it would truly seem that they cared about their people. Thank you."

For this person and many others in the wing, a visit from their commander and first sergeant would make their day.

During our Wing Climate

Assessment out brief, Col. O.G. Mannon, 16th Special Operations Wing commander, said he's making it a point to be more visible in work centers.

"We're all busy, but I want my leadership to spend quality time with the troops...go to work centers unannounced during regular, mid and swing shifts," Colonel Mannon said.

"Talk to people...ask them questions about their job, family and hobbies. Allow them to ask you questions, two-way communication.

"Being visible also means being accessible (open door policy); let the troops know you're always available for them," he said.

Colonel Mannon feels strongly about being visible.

When you think about it, visibility in the work place is a win-win for all. For the troops, it boosts morale, fosters teamwork, instills camaraderie and shows leadership cares.

For commanders and first sergeants, by knowing your people, you have an insight on how to motivate and direct them toward successful mission accomplishment.

Showing a genuine concern for your troops also develops an environment of trust and loyalty – not to mention a strong commitment in honoring our Air Force core values.

It encourages your troops to grow both personally and professionally in seeing their leadership in action. Being visible shows a vested interest in your number-one resource...military and civilian personnel.

In the book "Lincoln on Leadership," Abraham Lincoln's number one rule of leadership is lead by getting out of the office.

We can certainly learn from the former president and follow his advice.

The bottom line is this: get out and about today. Your troops will thank you, you'll be leading by example.

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DUI Tracker

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This year: 25

DUIs for 2003: 54

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16th OG...150 16th MSG...44
16th MXG...1 16th MDG...150

As of Feb. 15, individual groups get a down day for 60 consecutive days without a DUI. Totals are current as of July 22.

Congratulations to the 16th MDG, 16th OG and 16th SOW staff agencies for more than 120 days without receiving a DUI.



Air Park aircraft make rough entrance

Courtesy of the
16th SOW History Office

After putting in a request for aircraft in 1971, the Hurlburt Field Air Park received a few that had seen more than their share of hurdles.

Three aircraft in particular flew several routes before settling down at Hurlburt Field.

First, the AC-47D Spooky was given to Turkey as military aid in January 1949 before returning to the Air Force in 1970. On June 9, 1973, it was dedicated at a base open house attended by Mrs. Donald Hurlburt, the widow of 1st Lt. Donald Hurlburt, for whom the base is named.

The AC-119G Shadow, however, had to fly over rougher terrain before taking its final rest.

First, the aircraft was sold to a private individual who used it to spray pesticides. However, when this became

unprofitable, he used the aircraft to transport contraband (televisions) from Mexico to Texas.

The AC-119G returned to the United States in 1984 and sat at Laredo, Texas, until bought by another individual, who in turn exchanged it with the U.S. Air Force for another aircraft.

It was flown to Hurlburt Field Sept. 23, 1987. Following engine and propeller changes, the Shadow was moved to the Air Park and installed June 28, 1988.

The AC-130A Spectre Gunship, named the "Ultimate End," encountered conflict and received war wounds before it was handed over to Hurlburt Field.

The Gunship participated in the Vietnam conflict and



Courtesy photo

the rescue of the USS Mayaguez.

The Ultimate End demonstrated the durability of the C-130, after surviving hits in five places by 37mm anti-aircraft artillery Dec. 12, 1970, extensive left wing leading edge damage April 12, 1971, and a 57mm round damaging the belly and injuring one crewmember March 4, 1972.

Ultimate End was assigned to Duke Field June 17, 1975, where it continued service until retired in the fall of 1994. The aircraft

flew missions in Vietnam, Operations Just Cause, Desert Storm and Uphold Democracy.

The Air Commando Association dedicated the Ultimate End May 4, 1995.

The Air Park has a total of 16 aircraft and seven monuments describing the actions of Air Commandos who received the Medal of Honor.

Gen. Leroy Manor dedicated the first aircraft, the A-26, July 4, 1970, and the OV-10 Bronco was the last aircraft added Feb. 16, 2000.

Looking into Hurlburt Field's namesake

First Lt. Donald Wilson Hurlburt enlisted in the U.S. Army in August 1941, and was assigned to Fort Dix, N.J., where he completed basic training.



During October of that year, following his promotion to private first class, he was assigned as an aviation cadet to the Preflight Training School at Maxwell Field, Ala.

Starting in April 1942, Private Hurlburt attended Advanced Flying School at Moody Field, Ga., and was honorably discharged July 2, from the U.S. Army to accept his commission as a second lieutenant.

Lieutenant Hurlburt was then assigned as a pilot with the 358th Bomb Group at Alamogordo Army Air Base, N.M.

Subsequently, in October, he departed the United States for service in the European theater of operations with the 258th Bomb Squadron, 303rd Bomb Group.

Just one month before returning to the United States in July 1943, Lieutenant Hurlburt was promoted to the grade of first lieutenant.

He was next assigned to Headquarters, 1st Air Force, Mitchel Field, N.Y.

Then, in August, Lieutenant Hurlburt reported to the 1st Proving Ground Electronics Unit at Eglin Field, Fla.

Lieutenant Hurlburt died Oct. 1, 1943, of injuries sustained when the aircraft he was piloting crashed on takeoff during a local mission at the Eglin Field Military Reservation.

For his actions overseas and his military service, Lieutenant Hurlburt was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters.

He was authorized to wear the World War II Victory Medal, the American Defense Service Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with one Bronze Star for participation in Air Offensive Europe Campaign and the Aviation Badge "Pilot."

(Information compiled from the 16th SOW fact sheet.)

What's the wing emblem represent?

The emblem of the 16th Special Operations Wing is symbolic of the organization's history and mission.

The blue of the background represents the sky and the Air Force.

The 13 red and white stripes stand for the nation's original colonies, the first American force to engage in limited war.

The silver dagger is winged to indicate the 16th SOW brings support through the air.

A golden lamp of knowledge reflects the wing's civic action role and indicates members of the 16th SOW serve as teachers, as well as warriors, in helping our allies determine their own way of life and form of government.

(Information compiled from the 16th SOW fact sheet.)



Spotlight on...

Senior Airman Erin Gonzales

Rank/Duty Title:

Senior Airman/Shift Leader, Reef Dining Facility

Organization: 16th Services Squadron

Hometown: Burlington, Iowa

Hobbies: Reading, working with computers, designing Web pages

Contribution to the mission:

Airman Gonzales supervises five military personnel and monitors 10 contractors. She flawlessly manages the preparation of more than 15,000 buffet meals monthly.

Airman Gonzales assists management with personnel work schedules, menu planning and coordination of specialty meals.

She consistently performs facility inspections ensuring strict adherence to sanitation standards as directed by the USDA food code. She recently provided outstanding dedication while deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

(Editor's Note: The Commando highlights airmen, junior NCOs, company grade officers, Department of Defense civilians and volunteers in units who do a great job, and should receive day-to-day recognition. Supervisors can call the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs Office at 884-7464 for more information on nominating an individual for the "Spotlight on..." column.)

New privacy rules set to reduce suicide risks

By G.W. Pomeroy

Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs

WASHINGTON – The Air Force has revised *Air Force Instruction 41-210, Patient Administration Functions*, to better protect privacy rights and ensure an appropriate flow of information between commanders and support agencies.

Air Force officials believe this will reduce suicide risks among its Airmen.

"Confidentiality continues to be seen as a double-edged sword," said Lt. Col. Rick Campise, Air Force Suicide Prevention Program director. "We have to maintain a balance between a patient's privacy and a commander's need for information that allows (him or her to) make decisions to ensure the safety of the Airman and the success of the mission."

An assessment of all Air Force active-duty suicides in 2003 revealed that some commanders viewed confidentiality as preventing adequate communication with life skills support centers, Colonel Campise said. In other cases, the absence of confidentiality was perceived as a factor in discouraging Airmen from seeking help.

Mental-health staff members are now required to review all open and closed mental-health records before active-duty Airmen transfer to new bases. Based upon the record review, mental-health providers can determine whether the new destination requires arranging for additional resources to support Airmen before and after they move, Colonel Campise said.

Part of this process may involve asking the commander to assist with decisions regarding the Airman's welfare, Colonel Campise said.

Air Force Medical Service officials recently provided

two key tools that assist in helping to ensure this is done successfully.

The "Air Force Guide for Managing Suicidal Behavior" and the "Leader's Guide for Managing Personnel in Distress" both discuss the need for collaboration between mental-health staffs and commanders. Both tools also emphasize balancing privacy and sharing essential mission information.

Additionally, a video titled, "Communicating with Commanders," was released to mental-health clinicians in November.

Through July 15, 26 active-duty Airmen committed suicide in 2004, for a rate 13 per 100,000. The Air Force has experienced no suicides among Airmen deployed in operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom.

The service's suicide prevention program is commonly hailed as the best program of its type in the world, officials said. In December, a landmark University of Rochester study of suicide in the U.S. Air Force found the service's suicide-prevention program reduced the risk of suicide by 33 percent during the past six years.

In 2003, the Air Force's Suicide Prevention Program was hailed as a "model program" in a report released by the president's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health. In 2001, then U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. David Satcher made the program a model for the nation and incorporated it into the National Suicide Prevention Strategy.

In the mid-1990s, amid rising suicide rates in the military, Air Force leaders recognized that suicide is a community problem, and the formal program was implemented in 1996. From 1991 to 1996, the active-duty suicide rate was 14.1 per 100,000. During the seven years of the prevention program's existence, through the end of 2003, the suicide rate was 9.2 per 100,000. (AFPN)

Week in History

The following is a list of extraordinary events that occurred this week in military history:

July 18, 1914 – Congress created the aviation section of the Signal Corps.

July 19, 1957 – The U.S. Air Force fired the first air-to-air nuclear defense rocket, the Douglas MB-1 Genie, from an F-89J over Yucca Flat, Nev.

July 20, 1969 – Apollo 11 Lunar Excursion Module landed on the moon.

July 21, 1961 – America's second Project Mercury astronaut, Capt. Virgil Grissom, attained an altitude of 118 miles and flew 5,310 miles per hour in a 303-mile sub-orbital space flight from Cape Canaveral, Fla., in the Liberty Bell 7 capsule.

July 22, 1944 – The 15th Air Force made the first all-fighter shuttle raid in Europe.



Capt. Virgil Grissom

New civilian employee program enhances career opportunities

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER – Career civilian employees will soon have more focused career guidance and expanded opportunities thanks to a new initiative taking place here this summer.

Civilian Career Field Management is a part of Force Development that will align civilian and military career fields in order to develop future leaders.

"This is a big change in Air Force civilian career management," said

Gregory Den Herder, executive director of the personnel center. "We've realigned civilian management to provide a systematic approach to developing and sustaining the civilian workforce."

"The foundations of CFM were already in place within our Civilian Career Program Directorate. Now we've tied development, analysis and employment together," he said.

Under CFM, all civilian positions have been assigned to a specific

career field similar to military specialty codes.

Each career field will have a career path that helps employees determine where to go or what to do to advance in their careers.

Similar to the officer corps, civilian career fields have development teams located at the personnel center. The 24 development teams will fill positions and manage specific career fields.

CFM will enhance current oppor-

tunities for civilian professional education, advanced academic degrees, broader assignment experiences and upward mobility.

It will also identify cross-functional paths to expose civilians to a broader scope of operational activities in preparation for senior leadership positions.

"The main goal of CFM is to ensure that the right employee gets to the right job with the right skills," Mr. Herder said.

News Briefs

AIP South Korea tours



The Air Force recently instituted an assignment incentive program that provides an additional \$300 per month for Airmen who serve longer tours in South Korea.

This new incentive is a test program in effect through December 2005. The program's goals are:

- Reduce permanent change of station requirements and costs
- Encourage longer tours

- Reduce involuntary Korea assignments
- Provide more stability for Airmen and units
- Improve readiness in Korea

Airmen who volunteer for this AIP will receive monthly incentive payments throughout the duration of their tour.

Other incentive programs such as home basing and follow-on assignment, overseas tour extension incentive and in-place consecutive overseas tour program will continue but can't be used in conjunction with this new AIP.

Airmen who've already received benefits under another program aren't eligible for the new incentive.

Leave reimbursements

Service members who traveled on rest and recuperation leave while deployed supporting operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom between Sept. 25 and Dec. 18, may be eligible for reimbursement of airline costs.

Reimbursement for airline costs is retroactive for those people who paid for commercial airline tickets from the port they flew into from overseas, such as Baltimore-Washington International Airport, to their final leave destination. According to records, about 40,000 service members traveled during the period.

Youth combine efforts

Show friendships are made – not bought

By Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson
Public Affairs

They might not be ready for Broadway, but more than 50 Hurlburt Field youth put on a performance that gathered the largest crowd in four years.

The Missoula Children's Theater, the nation's largest touring children's theater, made its way to the base theater July 12 – 17, to perform the "The Frog Prince."

The theater, based in Missoula, Mont., has been touring more than 30 years from Montana to Japan and is scheduled to visit nearly 1,000 communities this year, according to Chuck Lowery, 16th Services Squadron.

A traveling team of actors/directors arrived with everything needed to put on the performance such as lights, costumes, props and makeup. All they needed was a cast.

That's where the youth of Hurlburt Field filled in. Fifty-two children participated in the play, which is about a lonely frog that tries to befriend a spoiled princess.

In the end, the frog (who later becomes a prince) realizes friendships are made– not bought; and it's not about what you are, but who you are that counts, according to the play's synopsis.

Since the play is put together so quickly, the children had minimum time to rehearse.

"The children auditioned for the show at the beginning of the week and had only four days to prepare for the show," Mr. Lowery said. "But, the feedback was the best show ever, and it was the largest audience in the past four years."

The two-day performances gathered more than 300 people and helped the Missoula Children's Theater continue on it's mission of developing lifeskills in children through performing arts.



Courtesy Photo

Missoula Children's Theater youth gather for a group photo after one of two performances of 'The Frog Prince' at the base theater.

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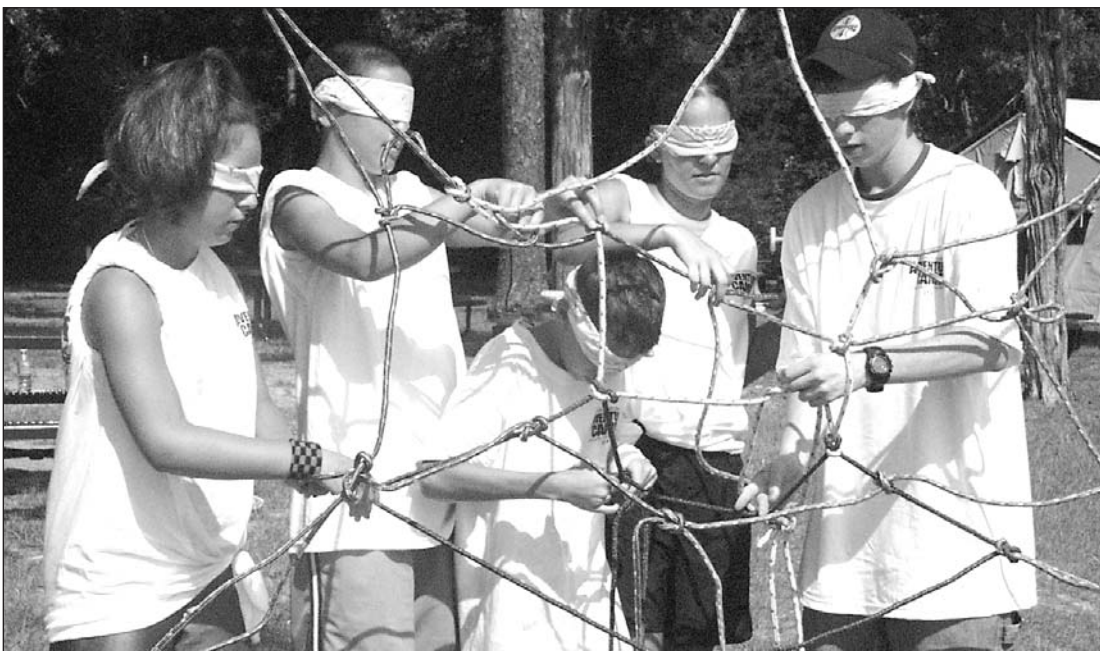


Photo by Staff Sgt. Chris Jordan

Members of the "yellow" team work together to get through a "spider web," the first obstacle on the final day of a week-long adventure camp designed to help teens cope with life's adversities.

Operation Purple:

Nearly 30 youth take part in nation-wide program

By Vanessa Adame
Public Affairs

More than 30 teenagers roughed it out at Operation Endurance Adventure Camp held at the Hurlburt Field picnic grounds July 12-16, living through intense heat and thunderstorms to confront some of their biggest challenges.

The teenagers withstood over 95 degrees of heat and slept through downpours that managed to creep inside the tents they had set up just outside the base gates.

Obstacle courses consisting of paintball, rock-climbing, kayaking and team-building exercises were strewn around the camp, serving as an indicator of the extreme sports they would be facing during the week.

Although the camp undoubtedly tested their mental and physical limits, the camp's main goal was to unite some of those children whose mother or father was preparing to deploy or currently deployed overseas.

"We're just trying to give them an understanding of what their parents go through," said Del Mucci, 16th Services Squadron camp organizer, who worked alongside 96th Services Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, in hosting the week-long event.

The camp, which is currently being simulated in nine similar initiatives across the United States as a part of Operation Purple, is designed to bring together children from all branches of the armed forces to interact with each other and address deployment-related stress.

"If they know what their parents are faced with, perhaps they can get a better understanding of a deployment and help them cope with it better," Mr. Mucci said.

Just like their parents, the teenagers experienced mission-style in-briefs and were issued gear at the deployment control center to help them accomplish their mission.

The campers arose at 5 a.m. each day to cook for themselves – outdoors no less – and tackled situations that tested their limits each day.

They trained with members of the Tactical Air Control Party, who instructed them on orienteering and tested them physically with an obstacle course in the jungle.

The training helped prepare the teens for a larger mission set for the last day of the camp.

"We wanted it to seem high-risk to the kids, but for us it was a high adventure," Mr. Mucci said.

The individuals learned to work together when they completed trust-building exercises, such as one which required the teams to navigate through a "spider web" obstacle course blindfolded while untangling a range of bands to get through it.

"It's all about being able to accomplish the mission," said Mr. Mucci. "There's a fair amount of kids who couldn't do it alone, but it's all about a team. With a team they can do it."

At the end of the camp, the teens departed with a better understanding of deployments and an even better knowledge of the teamwork it takes to get through the obstacles – whether they be physical or mental challenges.

It's obvious Caity Howard, a camp participant, believes in teamwork. She's already planning to apply for the camp again for the third time next year. She assured her team she'd "definitely" sign on again.

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area for development is a joint location with Eglin Air Force Base at the Camp Pinchot/Poquito Bayou extension.

"The Camp Pinchot site (on U.S. Highway 198) can accommodate the Hurlburt Field reconstruction plus additional Eglin Air Force Base units, and the North Graduate Engineering Research Center, can be utilized as an expansion site to accommodate any future requirements that may be identified," Mr. Wahl said.

The privatization plan considers environmental, community and economic concerns, but mostly it factors in the needs of military families, he added.

"We recruit Airmen, but retain families; that's what this project is all about," said Col. O.G. Mannon, 16th Special Operations Wing commander. "Some of our houses are 50 years old, so we're happy for this opportunity to give our young people – the true treasure of our Air Force – new places to live, the right places to live with their families."

For more information about the progress of the privatization, or to review frequently asked questions and a privatization fact sheet, visit www.jllpsc.com or www.eglin.af.mil/Housing_Privatization/.

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re-hires and lastly, new hires, Ms. Allen-Rountree said.

The students have good attitudes, are anxious to work and usually need little to no training, according to Ms. Allen-Rountree.

"It's a great program. It gives students a chance to get some experience and help pay for school, while at the same time, helping our office take care of all the things needed to be done," said Staff Sgt. Bill White, a military equal opportunity technician. "Both parties benefit from the summer hire program."

Veronica Williams, MEO summer hire, is a second-year worker. She worked at MEO last year and was able to obtain a position in the same office.

"The job is very people-orientated, and the office allows me to be in on as much as possible," she said. "It's a very relaxing way to make some extra money and learn new skills."

Ms. Williams is in her second year at Florida A&M, Tallahassee, Fla., studying physical therapy. According to Ms. Williams, the program offers good hours and helps to pay her college tuition.

Air Force Special Operations Command Public Affairs office had Mativa Blyden, a radiology student at Auburn University, Ala., join their office for her first experience in the summer hire program.

"She's awesome! If possible, we'll request her for next year," said Jamie Haig, AFSOC Public Affairs assistant and immediate supervisor to Ms. Blyden.

"The job is fun, and I learn a lot about the military and AFSOC – what they do and their responsibilities," Ms. Blyden said. "This is a really good experience for me and would do it again. The people in the office make me feel very comfortable."

16th LRS inventory request

Air Force Special Operations Command units in possession of individual body armor and small arms protective inserts are instructed to report the number of assets on-hand and deployed to the 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron equipment liaison office. (This doesn't apply to the old flak vests.) Assets will be added by the ELO to the unit's equipment account. Each item will be accounted for individually by the national stock number, which can be obtained by calling 884-5731/3552/7316/7675 or by e-mailing 16lrs.equipment@hurlburt.af.mil

Meeting maintenance needs with extra power boost

The 16th Component Maintenance Squadron Propulsion Flight "puts 'power' in 'airpower.'"

The flight is composed of 69 highly qualified technicians, who specialize in T-56 and T-64 engine intermediate-level maintenance and propeller repairs for the 16th Special Operations

Wing and combat forces personnel.

All assigned T-56 engines and propellers are operationally tested on a test stand for serviceability prior to aircraft installation.

The flight also performs isochronal and phase inspections on all assigned MH-53

PAVE LOW and C-130 Talon aircraft and manages propulsion assets supporting worldwide contingency operations.

Despite having a dramatic propulsion workload increase in the wake of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, the 16th CMS Propulsion Flight – not only stayed on top of things, but exceeded expectations.

The flight produced 120 engines in fiscal 2002 – an 85 percent increase over the previous year.

In fiscal 2003, the propulsion flight met all Air Force Special Operations Command challenges head on, producing an astounding 123 T-56 engines in four unique configurations – despite having 25 percent of the flight deployed supporting Centralized Intermediate Repair Facilities at Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England and Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

This significant accomplishment directly contributed to the wing's 2,891 combat sorties and 10,918 combat hours.

Airman 1st Class Mark Moore (left) and Airman 1st Class Joshua Maher, 16th CMS Jet Engine Intermediate Maintenance Crew, replace a C-130 T-56 engine reduction gearbox.



Courtesy Photo

Two mechanics from the 16th Component Maintenance Squadron Propulsion Flight check for air and oil leaks on a test cell.

The Propulsion Flight also completed seven C-130 isochronal inspections in 21 days, saving 40 percent in man-hours and setting a new Air Force record. The flight is on track for another record – setting year in 2004.

In order to compensate for the increased workload, the propulsion flight is working to construct a state-of-the-art 44,000 square foot maintenance facility that's specifically designed for intermediate-level maintenance to be completed in fiscal 2006.

Although the flight stays busy performing maintenance work and repairing propellers, the Airmen still find time to be actively involved in the community, by

delivering weekly meals for the Elder Services of Okaloosa County "Meals On Wheels" program and providing support to the Northwest Florida Blood Center every quarter.

Whether they're meeting the needs of Airmen or lending services in the community, the 16th CMS Propulsion Flight continues to "put 'power' in 'airpower.'"

Photo by Tech. Sgt. William Clinch

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Staff Sgt. Billy Larue (left) and Airman 1st Class Mark Moore, 16th CMS, work with the T-56 engine reduction gearbox.

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Courtesy Photo

Dr. Lewis Kaplan speaks about combat casualty care benefits and pitfalls during his recent visit to Hurlburt Field.

Combat casualty briefing provides medical insight

**Courtesy of the
16th Medical Group**

For many U.S. military medical personnel, care of the combat casualty is the primary focus.

Dr. Lewis Kaplan traveled to Hurlburt Field recently to address the use of specific intravenous fluids in the care of the combat casualty.

His presentation, titled "Fluid Resuscitation of the Combat Casualty," addressed fluid options available, and the benefits and pitfalls associated with these options.

As the associate professor and director of Emergency General Surgery at Yale University School of Medicine and Yale New Haven Hos-

pital, Doctor Kaplan is recognized as an international expert in fluid and ventilator management.

Education, training and experience contribute to the medic's ability to perform combat casualty care, but technology has provided new, safe interventions for improving the vital signs of the injured.

Attendees included personnel from Air Force Special Operations Command Headquarters, 16th Medical Group, and the 720th Special Tactics Group. There were also guests from Eglin Air Force Base's 96th Medical Group, Pensacola Naval Air Station's Fleet Hospital and several civilian physicians.

New TRICARE region, survey

With the implementation of the new TRICARE contract, Humana Military Healthcare Services will provide healthcare services and support to uniformed services beneficiaries and their families, military hospitals and clinics throughout the TRICARE South Region to include Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and the eastern portion of Texas beginning Aug. 1.

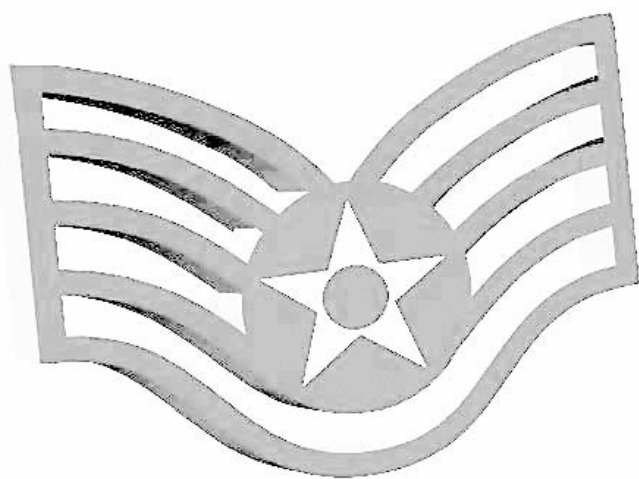
Military and academic investigators have recently been funded to conduct a brief health survey among active-duty personnel and TRICARE prime beneficiaries.

The purpose of this research is to increase our ability to promote health and prevent disease among military healthcare beneficiaries.

The survey, "Survey of Health-Related Behaviors and Attitudes," which will be conducted through the University of Missouri-Kansas City, has the endorsement of the Air Force Medical Service and the Hurlburt Field installation commander. The health survey takes only 15 to 20 minutes to complete, and will cover questions about health care systems, health status and habits, tobacco and alcohol use, diet, demographics and military specific information.

For more information, call 881-3912.

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Health survey available to government researchers

WASHINGTON – Department of Defense health officials are making anonymous data taken from surveys of active-duty service members available to government researchers.

Since 1980, DOD officials have conducted confidential, anonymous surveys among active-duty people through the "Survey of Health-Related Behaviors Among Military Personnel."

Military researchers gener-

ally use summaries of the data to develop health promotion and prevention programs, officials said.

Data from the most recent survey, taken in 2002, has been placed in a public-use file by researchers working on such issues as strategies for decreasing alcohol abuse and tobacco use. Under research rules, DOD officials are required to notify the public this data is being used by researchers. **(AFPN)**

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Changes of command

16th Component Maintenance Squadron

Lt. Col. Mary Behne will assume command of the 16th Component Maintenance Squadron from Lt. Col. Peter Robichaux at 8 a.m. Tuesday at the 15th Aircraft Maintenance Unit Nosedock. For more information, call 1st Lt. Steven Trnka at 884-5784.

16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Lt. Col. Peter Robichaux will assume command of the 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron from Lt. Col. David Smith at 8 a.m. Wednesday at the 15th Aircraft Maintenance Unit Nosedock.

16th Maintenance Group

Col. John Cooper will assume command of the 16th Maintenance Group from Col. Richard Beery at 9 a.m. Thursday in the Freedom Hangar. For more information, call Maj. Mike Christian at 884-7826.

Clinic closure

The 16th Medical Group will close today at 11 a.m. for training. The Eglin Air Force Base emergency room will be open for any emergency needs. Normal clinic operations will resume Monday.

Eglin club sale

The Eglin Enlisted Club is selling items in bulk at the old club July 30 from 9 a.m. to noon and by piece from noon to 4 p.m. All sales are final, and the items purchased must be picked up within five days of purchase. For more information, call 678-5127.

ACA reunion

The Air Commando Association annual reunion is scheduled for Oct. 8 – 10 in Fort Walton Beach. The purpose of the ACA is to keep alive the Air Commando spirit, to rekindle camaraderie of wartime relationships, to honor the dead and the living who participated in wartime efforts and to promote the utilization of low-key peacekeeping activities of Special Operations. For more information, call 581-0099.

Commissary ATM replacement

The Eglin Federal Credit Union will replace the Hurlburt Field Commissary automated teller machine with a new cash-only machine to accommodate the high demand for cash withdrawals. The conversion will take place today through Aug. 4. During this time, cardholders may use the ATM at the nearby Hurlburt Field branch.

16th MSS manning

The 16th Mission Support Squadron will be minimally manned today from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. due to an official function.

16th CTPS manning

The 16th Comptroller Squadron will be closed from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 6 due to an official function. For emergencies, call 803-3324.

Ticket office changes

Hurlburt Field's Commercial Ticket Office Bay Area Travel is changing its computer system today through Thursday.

During this time, travel reservations can't be processed through the Defense Travel System.

Travel initiated during the down time must be booked outside DTS. However, orders will continue

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to be processed through DTS with air, lodging and rental car costs entered manually. The following steps identify how to enter these costs:

■ Air is entered in the other transportation screen of the travel module.

■ Lodging is entered in the per diem entitlements screen of the additional options module.

■ Rental car is entered as commercial auto on the non-mileage screen of the expenses module.

The current restriction on central billed account reservations will also be terminated.

For more information, call the DTS Tier 2 help desk at 884-5842.

NCO induction ceremony

The Hurlburt Field Chief's Group and the Top 3 Council will co-sponsor this year's Senior NCO Induction Ceremony. The event will be held Aug. 27 at 3 p.m. in the Soundside conference center.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Paula Jackson at 884-1233 or Senior Master Sgt. Greg Nabors at 884-4552.

NCOA meeting

Hurlburt Field's Commando NCO Association Chapter will hold its monthly meeting July 31 at 6 p.m. in the J.R. Rockers Destination Room. For more information, call Master Sgt. Bob Love at 884-5787.

Volunteers needed

The Airman's Attic needs volunteers Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call the volunteer resource coordinator at 884-1533.

Recycling news report

Military family housing occupants recovered 6,397 pounds of recyclables during the month of June.

Their effort resulted in these approximate resource savings: 54 pounds of pulpwood trees, 13,114 kilowatt hours of electricity, 22,390 gallons of water, 10 cubic yard landfill and 192 pounds of air pollution.

Stars and strikes

"Bowl for the Stars and Strikes" is an Air Force Services-wide summer program at the Hurlburt Lanes Bowling Center. Customers earn rewards by collecting punches on three levels of punch cards: red, white and blue. Punches are given for every game bowled or 32 – ounce fountain beverage purchased at the Spare Time Grill now through Aug. 31. For every 15 punches, bowlers and non-bowlers alike will receive the corresponding reward for that level, while supplies last. For more information or to enter without making a purchase, call the bowling center at 884-6941.

November getaway cruises

Information, Tickets and Travel can help you "get away" before or during Thanksgiving with two great cruises to the western Caribbean. The Pre-Thanksgiving Cruise sails out of New Orleans for seven days from Nov. 14 to 21. Rates are \$545 for interior rooms, \$695 for oceanview rooms and \$845 for rooms with a balcony.

The Thanksgiving cruise sails out of Mobile, Ala. for five days from Nov. 22 to 27. Rates for oceanview rooms are now \$445 per person. All cruise rates are per person based on double occupancy. For more information, call ITT at 884-7848.

Air Force TV and Radio News



To check out Air Force TV or Radio News visit: <http://af.feedroom.com> or www.af.mil/news and click on TV or radio to find out what's happening around the Air Force.

Hurlburt Field Chapel



Catholic Mass

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 7:15 and 10 a.m.
Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., or by request.
Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday
Religious Education: September– May

Protestant Services

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (praise and worship)

11:30 a.m. (traditional)

12:45 p.m. (Gospel)

Religious Education: August – May

Youth and Singles groups available

Jewish Services (882-2111)

Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin Chapel Center

Muslim Services (882-2111), Eglin Chapel Center

Jumuah: Friday, 12:45 p.m.

For more information, call 884-7795

At the movies



Prices are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Hurlburt Field 884-7648

Friday – (PG) *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*, starring Emma Watson and Gary Oldman – A dangerous mass murderer, Sirius Black, has escaped the Azkaban Fortress and there's only one thing he wants; Harry. While learning to cope with the Dementors sent to protect Hogwarts, school of witchcraft and wizardry, Harry learns the disturbing story of Sirius Black and his own history.

Saturday – (PG-13) *The Chronicles of Riddick*, starring Vin Diesel and Judi Dench – Riddick, on the run from mercenaries eager to claim the price on his head, seeks refuge on the planet of Helion, only to discover he's walked into a world in chaos. Helion has been seized by the Lord Marshall determined to wipe out humanity throughout the universe. Leader of Helion pleads with Riddick to join them in their fight for survival.

Sunday – (PG-13) *The Stepford Wives*, starring Nicole Kidman and Bette Midler – Joanna and her husband move into the suburban community of Stepford, where she soon notices that the local housewives seem oddly bland and too perfect. After some investigation with her new friend, she uncovers the town's secret.

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Friday – (PG) *Garfield*, starring Breckin Meyer and Jennifer Love Hewitt – Garfield's owner takes in sweet but dimwitted pooch Odie, turning Garfield's world upside down. Garfield wants only one thing: Odie out of his home and life! But when the pup is kidnapped by a nasty dog trainer, Garfield, for the first time in his life, feels responsible and springs into action to return the pup.

Saturday – (PG-13) *The Terminal*, starring Tom Hanks and Catherine Zeta-Jones – An Eastern European immigrant is forced to live at Kennedy Airport when his former war-torn country's borders are erased, voiding his passport and leaving him with no political home. The refugee meets and falls in love with a flight attendant, which prompts a bold escape plan.

Sunday – (PG) *Around the World in 80 days*, starring Steve Coogan and Jackie Chan – Passepartout, a Chinese thief seeks refuge in the traveling companionship of an eccentric inventor, Fogg, who has taken on a bet with members of his gentlemen's club that he can make it around the world in a mere 80 days. Along the way, Passepartout uses his amazing martial arts abilities to defend Fogg from the many dangers they face.

(Editor's note: Movies are subject to change. Telephone numbers are provided for patrons to confirm dates.)

TLCB reunion

The Thailand-Laos-Cambodia Brotherhood is holding a reunion Sept. 24 – 26 in Ontario, Calif. The reunion is for anyone who served in these countries during the Vietnam War. For more information, call Les Thompson at (714) 557-0776.

Hispanic Heritage Month

The military equal opportunity office is seeking volunteers to assist in organizing, preparing and supporting Hispanic Heritage Month events from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. Meetings are held Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. in the MEO conference room. For more information, call 1st Lt. Angel Lugo at 884-8209 or Staff Sgt. Bill White at 884-5879.

Native American History Month

The Native American History Month is Nov. 1 – 30. The military equal opportunity office is inviting volunteers to assist in organizing, preparing, and supporting events for the observance period. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Dexter Coburn 884-2631.

Classes

Seminar method

The Air Command and Staff College Nonresident Program is enrolling eligible officers and federal employees for the new 2004 -2005 seminar method. Seminar classes usually meet weekly, starting in early August and run until mid-June.

ACSC programs are offered to: active-duty, non-extended active-duty, Reserve, National Guard and major selects and above service members in all U.S. military services; federal civilian employees and GS-11 and above or equivalent; civil air patrol officers in the grade of major and above; and international officers serving with the

U.S. Air Force in education, training, exchange or liaison roles are eligible. International officers may also enroll through the Foreign Military Sales training sponsorship program.

People must enroll online no later than Sunday to receive their books in time.

If interested, register online, at <http://www.au.af.au/acsc/Distance%20Learning/distance-learning.htm>. For more information, call LaRue Hamilton or Jannie Benson at 884-6724.

ISOC course

The U.S. Air Force Special Operations School is hosting the Introduction to Special Operations Course July 17 – 20. ISOC provides military and civilian members a joint understanding of Special Operation Forces. For information on seat availability, call Joyce Weber at 884-4731. For information on ISOC, call 1st Lt. Lowell Wiggins at 884-6861.

Orientation courses

The U.S. Air Force Special Operations School is hosting a Middle East Orientation Course Monday through July 30 and a Sub-Saharan African Orientation Course Aug. 16 – 20. The courses are designed for personnel preparing to live in or deploy to these regions. For more information, call Joyce Weber at 884-4731

U of A degree

The University of Arkansas at Hurlburt Field is offering a Master of Science with a major in Operations Management. Registration for term one is now through Aug. 10. For more information, call Sherry DelCastillo at 884-3844.

CCAF graduation

The deadline to apply for the fall Community College of the Air Force graduation is Aug. 27. For more information, visit the education office.

ERAU fall registration

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University fall term registration is being held now through Aug. 6 in Building 90220 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to noon Friday. Add or drop dates are Aug. 9 to 13. Class dates are Aug. 9 to Oct. 9. For more information, call 581-2106.

SIU degree

Southern Illinois University is offering a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology. With 16 required courses, individuals can complete their degree in 16 months. Courses are held in alternating weekends from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call Tracy Deming at 581-9840.

OU course

The University of Oklahoma is offering a new innovative Interpersonal Dynamics course Aug. 9 – 15. This one week course explores effective communication techniques, which apply to personal interactions and studies gender, cultural and family differences. For more information, e-mail aphurlburt@ou.edu.

HAWC classes

To reserve a seat in the following health and wellness center classes or for information, call 884-4292. All classes are free of charge and held in Building 90232.

Healthy Living Workshop – Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.

Body Composition Improvement Program – Tuesday, 1 p.m.

Lean and Healthy Eating – Tuesday, 3 p.m.

Total Fitness Enhancement – Wednesday, 8 a.m.

Lean on Me – Wednesday, 11 a.m.

Healthy Weight 4 Kids – Wednesday, 2:30 p.m.

Diabetic Nutrition Follow-up – Thursday, 8:30 a.m.

Eating Heart Healthy – Thursday, 1 p.m.

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AMXS fends off charging OSS to win volleyball championship

Story and photos by Airman James Dickens
Public Affairs

The 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron edged by the 16th Operations Support Squadron to claim the volleyball championship as their own July 14.

After being undefeated during the regular season, 16th AMXS looked like they would keep it that way by winning the first match in the best of three-game series.

But 16th OSS refused to roll over. Instead they barreled back to take the last two matches and win game one.

"There was a lot of good competition this year, but 16th OSS was by far our toughest opponent," said Paul Stride, 16th AMXS coach.

With 16th AMXS dealt their first loss, 16th OSS hoped to upset them. But they would have to beat

them again to claim the title in the double elimination playoffs.

"The team gave their all throughout the entire season and tournament," said Jesse Acevedo, 16th OSS coach. "And I tried to maximize on our strengths and improve on our weaknesses."

The first match in the final game of the year was taken by 16th OSS, and they inched that much closer to a big upset.

The 16th AMXS team wanted no part in losing the championship though.

"We wouldn't have made it this far if everyone wasn't so motivated this year; and we didn't want to lose that now," Coach Stride said.

The 16th AMXS fought back to win the last two matches in game two and claim the championship title as their own.

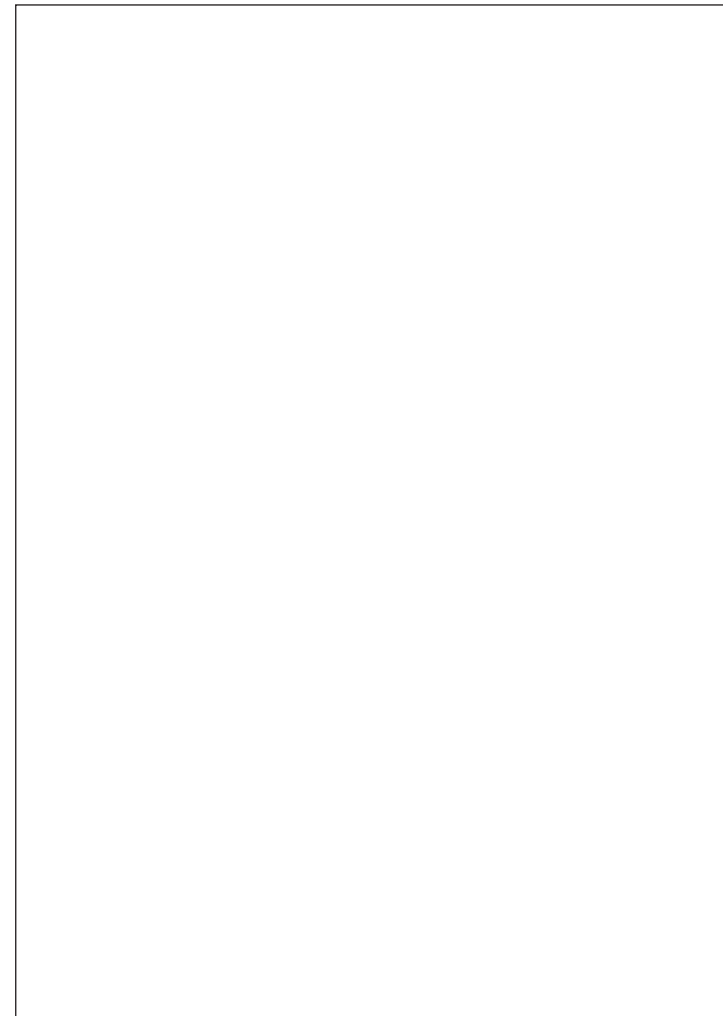
"We had plenty of fun during the games, but we just ran out of gas toward the end," Coach Acevedo said.

"We battled these guys for two and a half hours that day," Coach Stride said.

Although only a couple points in each game separated the two teams, there were a few players that stood out in the coaches' minds that helped them get this far.

"I would like to recognize Janice Harris, 16th AMXS, because without her as our starting setter, we wouldn't have been undefeated this season," Coach Stride said.

"Also, Jason Brown, 16th AMXS, a guy that didn't even know how to play volleyball at the start of the season, but



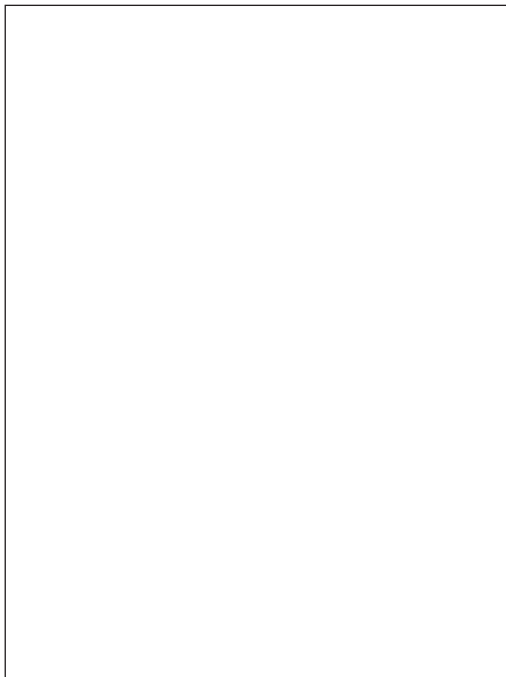
Kyle Klinger (blue jersey), 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, spikes the ball down at Kevin Hetting (black jersey, left) 16th Operation Support Squadron, and Shelby Moneer (black jersey, middle), 16th OSS, during the first game.

by the fifth game was starting at middle blocker," Coach Stride said.

With the season over, Coach Stride had one last thing to add.

"We look forward to playing 16th OSS again, we're ready to defend our title," he said.

Shelby Moneer, 16th OSS, gets ready to serve the ball to 16th AMXS during the championship game.



Sports shorts

Bowling coach course

Hurlburt Lanes is sponsoring a level one Bowling Coach Certification course Aug. 7 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The course will cover basic bowling fundamentals and teach students how to instruct new players to bowl with proven coaching techniques. The cost is \$55 per person and must be paid at time of registration. Space is limited to 30 people. For more information, call Hurlburt Lanes at 884-6941.

Men's baseball league

The Okaloosa Men's Baseball League is kicking off with registration on Aug. 15 at 3 p.m. at the Twin Oaks baseball field in Niceville for the 18 and over, and 30 and over divisions. The Twin Oaks Baseball Field is located on U.S. Highway 85 North, just north of College Boulevard.

The registration process will include the collection of league fees and a short baseball workout

session. League fees are \$100 for all players. The final day of registration is Aug. 22 at 3 p.m. The season begins in early September and is played locally in the Okaloosa area.

For more information, call the league hotline at 864-7529

Coaches clinic

The National Youth Sports Coaches Association will be conducting a coaches clinic for the upcoming soccer and flag football seasons Aug. 3 at 5 p.m. and Aug. 5 at 5:30 p.m. at the youth center. Prior to these clinic dates, please pick up the coach background information packages at the youth center.

For more information, call the youth center at 884-6355.

Football, soccer registration

Flag football and soccer registration continues

through July 30. Seasons kick off Sept. 18 through Nov. 20. Registration fees correspond with the registration period. Regular registration is Monday through July 30 at \$42 per youth or \$84 for two or more. Late registration is after July 30 at \$47 per youth or \$94 for two or more. For more information or to get the registration form, call the youth center at 884-6355.

Cheerleading registration

Cheerleading registration runs through July 30 for children ages 6 to 14. Cost is \$5 per child. Each participant must have a sports physical on file at the youth center. A coach/parent meeting is currently scheduled for Aug. 17 at 6 p.m. at the youth center.

Also at the meeting, uniform measurements and a \$30 deposit will be required.

For more information or to get a registration form, call the youth center at 884-6355.